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## Bells ringing

The bell tower is receiving its final touches. Music instructor Marilyn Kielniarz (above) will play the bells each Wednesday from 11:50 a.m. until noon, and again on the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Kielniarz will play the bells from a manual keyboard located directly beneath the 47-bells in the tower.

## **Minority students** unhappy with budget

By MELANIE MORRISSEY **News Editor** 

Representatives from the United Minority Students (UMS) office met with members of Student Government last Thursday to discuss UMS grievances.

A letter sent to Student Senate Chief Administrative Officer Greg Clark from UMS director Bill Herndon and the presidents of the three minority student organizations prompted the meeting.

Black Liberators for Action on Campus (BLAC), Native American Students Association (NASA) and Hispanic Students Organization (HSO) are the three organizations that compose UMS.

Among the agency's main concerns discussed at the meeting were the 1989-90 budget allocation for UMS, the absence of an agency director's stipend for next year and the perceived lack of awareness of UMS on the part of Student Government, the administration and the student body as a

According to HSO President Virgil Armendariz, who wrote the letter, the UMS budget was of primary concern.

On Feb. 23, the Budget Commission approved the final 1989-90 UMS budget at \$3,316. UMS must distribute those funds among-the three organizations.

According to Armendariz, \$1,000 of the \$3,316 must be used to pay the office secretary's salary, leaving \$772 for each of the organizations to spend next year.

"The UMS budget for '89-90 was the blow that finally convinced us, the UMS people, that you, the Student Government and the administration, do not know who we are or why we are here," Armendariz wrote in the letter.

Clark responded to that statement with We know you exist, and the administration knows you exist ... the question is, does the student body know you exist?

The bottom line is, I think you're arguing with the wrong people," Clark said, adding that the agency's argument lies with two the Board of Regents and the

Armendariz agreed with Clark that the solution to the problems UMS is facing does not lie with the senate. However, he said, Clark's position with Student Government and the administration may allow him access to more influential bodies within the university

'One of the campaigns on this campus has been to increase minority enrollment, Armendariz said. "We address that campaign with our services. But the budget restrictions put on us by Student Government, and enforced by Student Government, are insufficient for what we're asked to get done.

Admitting that the entire UNO population does not benefit from services provided by UMS, he compared the agency to the HPER Building in terms of student use. Sixty-two percent of UNO students do not use the HPER Building's facilities, he said

"Does that put us in the same light with how much of the population knows we're here? is that a fair comparison?" he asked. "Is the HPER Building a sacred cow or

something?" Armendariz asked.

One solution Armendariz proposed was for UMS to establish its own budget commission, which would then present the entire UMS budget to Student Government.

"Our agency is different;" Armendariz said: "We have three agencies:" The funds would not necessarily have to come from Fund A, he added, because UMS is a service organization

Fund A supports Student Government and student agencies, while Fund B supports other student services such as Campus Recreation and the Student Center.

According to Armendariz, UMS benefits not only the student body, but also the university as a whole, so the agency's funding should come from both Student Government and the administration.

"The student body provides our organizations with enough money to run a small business.'' Armendariz said: 'But our best

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## Directors won't be paid

By AMY BUCKINGHAM Associate Editor

Student Government will not be able to

budgeted salaries for the speaker of the senate, the treasurer, the chief administrative: officer; the recording secretary and looked at our constitution and bylaws to see directors of the Women's Resource Center; Student Programming Organization, Disabled Student Association, International Student Services and United Minority Students. These salaries came from the Fund A portion of the student-paid University Program. and Facilities Fees (UPFF).

"We weren't sure at the time whether officers of Student Government' meant officers dealing with fiscal matters or all said of the officers."

-Clark

According to university policy, Student Government is required to ask students to test, most literal way possible, the student approve stipends for Student Government, vote. We can guess at what we think they officers. Due to an error by election commis- meant when they voted, but that wouldn't be sioner Paul Hays, students were also asked See Salary on page 7

if they approved of salaries for agency directors.

UNO students rejected the incorrectly. worded resolution during last November's pay its officers and agency directors next. Student Government elections. In a run-off election for the student president/regent's In the past, Student Government has position, students again voted not to pay the salaries

"After the elections last semester, we what we could do (about paying salaries); said Greg Clark, chief administrative officer. 'We weren't sure at the time whether officers of Student Government meant officers dealing with fiscal matters or all of the officers:

Clark said that at the time, he believed the agency directors! salaries were not in danger

What we found out was that not only did the wording of the resolution include the four officers, but also the agency directors, "he

Clark sent a letter seeking advice from the University of Nebraska's lawyers.

"The counsel we received was to not pay our officers or the directors," Clark said. We feel we need to interpret, in the stric-

## Professor quits column

By STEVE CHASE Staff Reporter

When the final tally is done, the Franklin Credit Union inquiry may cost more than "just" the \$34 million federal investigators say is missing from the credit union's coffers - it may have helped cost an Omaha media critic his job.



Francke

After three years as a columnist and media critic for the Metropolitan, UNO Communication: Professor Warren Francke has resigned from the weekly newspaper.

The resignation came, in part, because of Francke's regrets over a column he wrote involving Franklin chief Larry King. and Omaha World-Herald publisher Harold Andersen: In the March 8 column, Francke discussed rumors about the credit union investigation and its coverage by the Omaha World-Herald

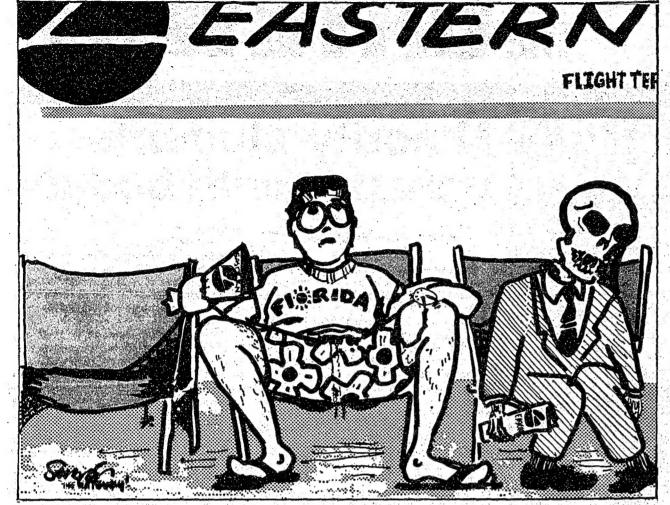
I didn't like what I had written or the context it was in," Francke said

The March 8 Metropolitan featured a front-page cartoon displaying a bed with a "Franklin Community Federal Credit Union" sign. The cartoon was titled "A" King'-Sized Bed

The cartoon was in reference to rumors: that King, who is now under investigations for allegedly taking the financial institution's money for his own personal use; had an elaborate bedroom set at the union for his liaisons. Francke discussed allegations published in the Village Voice that the World-Herald's Andersen knew about the office bed.

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## Comment



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NEWSPAPER

## Atwater? Say it isn't so

Republican Party Chairman Lee Atwater has been seen playing blues guitar with B.B. King. The man who made George Bush president of the United States is hanging out with a guitar god, a man who makes men in prison cry. I'm agnast, appalled, annoyed. This is a sign of the apocalypse. Next Dan Quayle will be eating crawdad with John Lee Hooker somewhere down on the Mississippi Delta.

Over spring break, I was resting at a lodge near Great Barrington, Mass., and the only paper available was a USA

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Arsenio Hall was on the front page of the entertainment Arsenio Hall was on the front page of the entertainment section, but I kept reading anyway and found a picture of my man, B.B. King, shaking hands with Lee Atwater, Lord Protector of the GOP, on page 5D. The story by Jerry Shriver that appeared March 13 left my jaw hanging on the floor.

A republican rhythm and blues freak? Jamming with B.B.? There are laws against this sort of thing. I wouldn't

be so upset, but I met B.B. King back stage at the Apollo Theatre a couple weeks back. I went up to Harlem with half a dozen friends for the midnight show. One of the people in our group had a couple connections (her dad is a Spinner), and the next thing I know, I'm shaking the hands of a living legend and thinking my life is now more or less complete.

## Tim Kaldahl **Gateway Coumnist**

The music B.B. King makes has kept me sane through midterm tests and newspaper deadlines. He's a hero of mine, and I've got the autograph to prove it. B.B. was cool. He didn't seem like a republican ready to tax scholarships and take away student loans. Lee Atwater does. The man looks like a republican, sort of a cross between a mature

Wally Cleaver and a flounder.

"If you like blues and don't like Elmore James, there's something wrong with you," according to Atwater. I agree with all my heart, but I can't get past the stereotype I have of republican music. It wasn't so many years ago that James Watt kept the Beach Boys from playing D.C. in favor of a more wholesome act — Wayne Newton, now that's republican music.

I don't doubt Atwater's musical sincerity. The article discussed how he fronted a hand. Heapthers Pavious in blab

cussed how he fronted a band, Upsetters Review, in high school. They were good enough 20 years ago to open up for the Coasters, the Drifters, and even Marvin Gaye. Instead of following music, Atwater went to college and then Interned with Sen. Strom Thurmond. I guess it was at this point in his life that Lee went bad. College and politics are two very basic mistakes. Still, he keeps a Gibson quitar in the corner of his office at the republican headquarters, so he can play when he gets bored on the phone.

This is a nasty precedent. What if it was revealed that say Gov. Kay Orr listens to the queen of soul, Aretha Franklin, while she decides the state's budget? Give that lady some RESPECT. Or what if Sen. Jesse Helms has a complete collection of Sly and the Family Stone back home in North Carolina? I'm not prepared to deal with it.

The only republican I know who's qualified to sing a blues song like "Nobody Loves Me But My Mother (And Maybe She's Jivin' Too)," would be my favorite former despot, Richard M. (the M stands for Memorex) Nixon. Lee Atwater just doesn't strike me as the next Robert Cray or Johnny Winter. He strikes me more as a miniature golf course attendant. Say it ain't so, B.B. Just say it ain't so. Or better take some advice from the last administration despends yet, take some advice from the last administration's dragon lady - Just say no.

Opinions solicited by Mary Dircks

## Viewfinder

Which two mayoral candidates do you expect to win the April 4 primary election? And why?



Andrew J. Wolf, sophomore Liberal Arts

"Morgan due to his great business sense; such as coming in under budget on the airport expansion project. And Boyle because of his past experience and need to prove himself to Mr. and Mrs. Omaha."



Steve Hunt, junior History

"P.J. Morgan and Mike Boyle because of Morgan's association with the business community and Boyle is making a comeback. He still has a lot of people who like him. My choice would be Fred



Cris Luby, senior Senior

"Probably Conley because of his experience on the City Council and, unfortunately, Boyle, Conley seems like he's determined to help the majority of the people, not just the upper class."



John Evans, senior **Continuing Studies** 

"I think Boyle and Morgan will win the primary. Morgan has the money to buy his way in, and Boyle will make it because people can relate to him."



Cheryl Koteras, senior International Studies

"Despite the recall, Boyle has a lot of support, so I think he'll probably be one of the candidates, but I don't know about the other one."

## Student leaves mayoral campaign with no regrets

## By DAVE WEAVER Staff Reporter

Working on a campaign isn't all it's cracked up to be, ac-

cording to Student Sen. Teresa Houser. Houser, a political science major, left republican candidate Steve McCollister's mayoral campaign last month be-

cause she "just got really fed up."
"I quit because there were too many demands on my time and my job description changed every week," Houser sald.

The junior said she doesn't have any regrets about working on McCollister's campaign, because she was able to learn more about how a campaign functions.

"I'm a lot more of a cynic about it (campaigns), and

although I don't like it, I guess in today's society, if you want to get elected you have to play the game." Houser admits that working on the campaign changed

the way she looks at McCollister.

"When I first started, I thought that he was the best man,

but some of the stands that he has taken in the past weeks have disappointed me," Houser said.

Houser said she differed with the candidate on several important issues. "I am a devout Catholic and take a prolife stand on abortion; he has taken a pro-choice stand."

Houser said she also questioned McCollister's plans for dealing with Omaha's drug and gang problems.

"I don't think any of the candidates have good ideas about stopping drugs," she said.

Houser said she thinks Democrat Mike Boyle could end up winning the election, even though the former mayor was recalled by Omahans in a special election.

'I still think a lot of the voters are going to vote on name recognition," she said.

Despite her experiences with the McCollister campaign, Houser said she still has an interest in politics.

"I'd like to be a public servant someday."



Houser

## **UMS** from page 1

customer is the administration. The more we prosper, the more the administration benefits.

Clark said he did not know if it was possible to switch UMS from Fund A to Fund B, "Maybe this is the way the university has decided to deal with this — to use it as a training

The HSO director disagreed. "But you don't give some-body a training course and don't give them a book," Ar-

As for last November's vote on the director's salaries, Armendariz said, "The student body was tricked. What that vote amounted to was not presented on the ballot."

In November, students were asked to approve salaries for Student Government officers. Due to an error by the election commissioner, students were also asked to approve salaries for agency directors. The question on the ballot asked, "Do you agree with the continued allocation of a portion of student fee income for stipends to compensate officers of Student Government and its agencies for the 1989-90

Students rejected the resolution, and as a result, none of the student agency directors will be paid next year.

According to Armendariz, the student body did not know

the resolution included funds for the directors' salaries of all the student agencies.

"How many people who voted on that were out to stop the directors' pay?" Armendariz asked Clark. "Zero," Clark said. "I believe that."

Armendariz asked Clark what Student Government plans to do about their greivances. "Or is it up to us to make the next move?" he asked.

"This doesn't just die here," Clark said.

# Senator favors building funds, opposes Kearney inclusion

#### By MARY DIRCKS Staff Reporter

Regent Rosemary Skrupa stated her position on several UNO issues at the Student Senate meeting last Thursday.

A native Nebraskan, Skrupa said, "I still call it (UNO) Omaha University because it is our school for our city.

Omaha University because it is our school for our city. I do hope we can extend our boundaries, though."

UNO was one of the reasons Skrupa said she campaigned for election to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. "I did not think we were getting our fair share of the funds that go to Lincoln," she said.

Skrupa also stated her position on the inclusion of Kearney into the NU system. "I am currently opposed to bringing Kearney into the Nebraska University system," she said.

Currently, the NU system includes UNO, UNL and the Medical Center. Legislative Bill 160, currently under con-

Medical Center. Legislative Bill 160, currently under consideration in the Legislature, would add Kearney State College to the NU system. According to Skrupa, the integration would cause future funding problems for UNO. Skrupa said she also supports funding for the proposed Fine Arts Education Building. "Not to fear, I am for the fine arts building," she told the senators.

Skrupa said she also supports the development of a

doctoral program and a computer center devoted to

research and advanced study on the UNO campus.
"We would add to the community if we had a sophisticated computer center, and it wouldn't dig into anyone's pocket except those who would, in the end, benefit from it." she said.

The credit transfer process between UNO and UNL is also an issue of concern, she said. "It seems to me that, if we are one, we should be able to pick up credits here and take them to Lincoln," she said. In an interview later, Skrupa commented on the pro-

posed \$1 student-paid fee increase which the senate recently voted not to endorse. The Board of Regents has yet to vote on it.

The additional \$1 would help to generate \$51,000 in salary increases for Campus Recreation.

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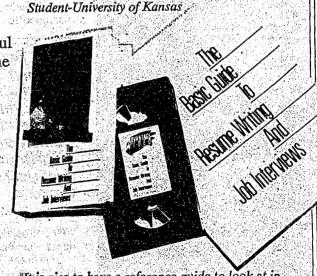
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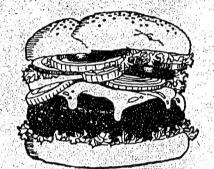
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## Francke from page 1

Noted underneath the cartoon was a headline telling readers to "get the details in Francke's column." The column was titled "Outrageous rumors demand comment."

"There were two problems for me," Francke said. "One was the tone that I used in dealing with the question of rumors. It was more or less a challenging approach, and I think a more sympathetic approach should have been taken to the idea of rumors.'

Francke said he was also unhappy with the way the Metropolitan presented his column.

"I didn't like it being in a column where there was a full page cartoon and ... the implication being there were more details on the 'King-sized bed' on the inside, and there really weren't," he said.

Francke submitted a letter of resigna-tion to Metropolitan editor John Lee, and a copy to the World-Herald. The professor said he would not go back to the Metropolitan unless the editor was replaced or the paper changed its editori-

al policies.
"I enjoyed the experience, I enjoyed the feedback I got from people on the columns," Francke said. "I felt it kept me more closely in touch with what was go-

ing on in the community, especially in po-

"Certainly my greatest regret is that I am not writing columns during the city elections that are going on now," the professor said.

As a columnist for several years, Francke said it is difficult to sum up his experiences at the Metropolitan. Before working at the paper, Francke had done a similar style of column for both the Downtowner and Sun newspapers. Both papers are now defunct.

Francke said he will continue the weekly "Watching the Watchdog" feature he does on Channel Six for WOWT News.

In addition to teaching journalism, the professor said he has other activities planned, including a magazine article on his experiences as a local media critic and a paper on the change in hiring procedures by newspapers.

"Those two things are the type of subjects I don't get done when I'm writing columns on a weekly basis," Francke

Francke said there is life after the Metropolitan. "My wife knows that I vow to quit these things and I don't," he added jokingly. "Now I got it done."

## Salary from page 1

right. They voted no salaries to officers or agency\_directors.

administration will follow that legal counsel to get them is to offer some kind of compen-and not allow us to fund those positions:" sation."

Clark said students will see the resolution ing and find some way to provide the students with a more clear definition of what they are voting on," he said. According to Clark, Student Government

will contact volunteers to fill the directors' po-

one to fill these positions," he said. "I hope and serve the students. We need to let the that somebody cares enough to get in students know what they are all about.

"Somehow we need to communicate to the students that we need quality people in "I am quite certain," Clark said, "that the these positions," he said. "And the only way

Clark said Student Government needs to on the ballot again in October. "Only this go to the student body and tell students they time, we will use the regents' original word-need people to work 10 to 20 hours a week need people to work 10 to 20 hours a week in these positions.

> I firmly believe that we can get someone to fill the positions for a year on a volunteer basis," he said, "My confidence deteriorates with each additional year.

"We're not going to throw in the towel be"The agencies are a part of Student cause some people don't think there is anyGovernment and we want them to succeed

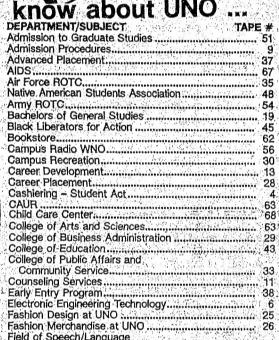
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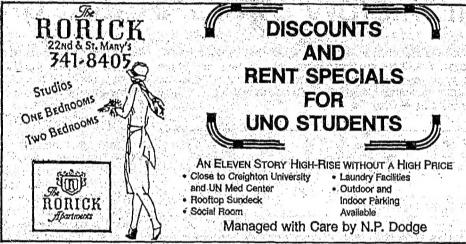
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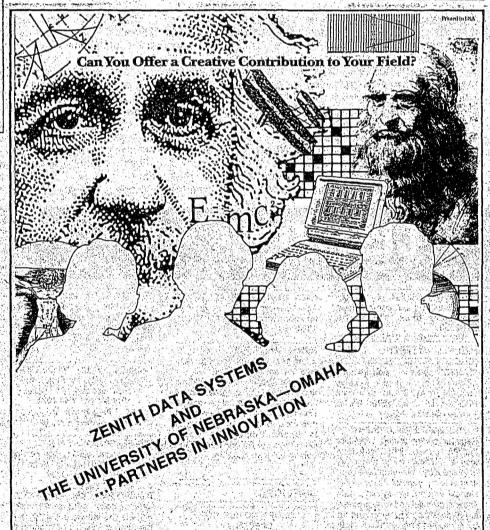
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## Sports

## Buda says media gives athletics image problem

"The media can help build a program or it can destroy one," Buda said. "Reporting the good stuff that goes on

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#### By REG CHAPMAN Staff Reporter

UNO football coach Sandy Buda said the media is the villain who distorts major institutions' athletic programs.

"The image of many major athletic programs has been damaged by the cheating and misconduct of the participants," Buda said. "The pressure to produce winning seasons, as well as to sell tickets, is overwhelming to the point that many will do anything to please their financial backers."

During his lecture "Ethics and Athletics," Buda said the media is partially responsible for the attack on college athletics. Buda was the featured lecturer Monday at the Student Center in the Campus Ministry Lecture series.

"The media thinks that if you don't win then there is something wrong," Buda said. "Good stories don't make the news. Society wants to know the bad things that happen to student-athletes and not the good."

Although the media reports negative news about athletic programs, the institutions still benefit from what they say or print, he said.

tigated by the NCAA, UNO prides itself on the ability to deal with this problem.

"UNO has not lost its perspective," Buda said. "It has always been academics first and athletics second.

"This sells families on UNO athletics," he said. "We try very hard to keep track of our athletes academically, as well as socially."

Proposition 48, a proposed NCAA standard, stresses proficiency in 11 core requirements and limits studentathletes who don't meet these standards.

"Since UNO student-athletes pay part of their tuition, you will find them more concerned about their academic progress than most collegiate athletes," Buda said.

Buda commented on the academic success of the student-athletes at UNO.

"Eighty percent of men athletic participants and 90 percent of women athletes graduate from UNO," he said. "This ratio of student-athlete graduates is much higher than that of the non-student athlete."

Buda said some individuals will always break the rules. But he also said having tighter academic standards and keeping closer watch on the student-athlete will reduce the problem of athletes being portrayed negatively by the media.

"The NCAA's new way of handling those who cheat should eliminate the desire of many athletic programs around the country to cheat," Buda said.

The added involvement of college chancellors and athletic directors in the athlete's progress academically and so-cially will not allow as many bad eggs to slip through the system," he said.

## in history of NCAA and gives award Hoop fan delights

If you like basketball, you have to like what's been going on in the NCAA post-season tournament.

As this was being written, there were at least seven games that could be called upset wins. The biggest was either Siena over Stanford, or Middle Tennessee State beating Flori-

Siena's coach was concerned about how his team would react to playing in front of a screaming crowd, after playing its last nine contests in empty arenas because of a measles quarantine. The newly-named Saints beat Boston University for the EACC North Atlantic title on ESPN in a crowdless Hartford Civic Center.

The Middle Tennessee State game saw "unknowns" rip

the Middle Lennessee State game saw unknowns hip the Seminoles by 14 points, and many people are now thinking they can beat Virginia. We'll know long before this. If you give out a "heartbreaker" award, it has to go to Princeton. The lvy League, along with the Big 10, doesn't have a post-season playoff. The regular season winner automatically goes to the NCAA party. They had Georgetown on the mat, but couldn't put them away.

Two things come to mind:

1. Georgetown might not be as disciplined as they need to be to succeed in a tournament like this. A discussion with a co-worker ended with this: The Hoyas are definitely good enough to get to the Final Four, even win it all, but if they play either Indiana or Arizona, they'll lose because of lack floor discipline. Kind of like those Mark Aguirre-led DePaul teams with great talent, but no floor discipline.

2. Every TV announcer praised Princeton for its great job, playing up the cinderella aspect of the Tigers. They still

lost. No matter how well they played, they're done. It's all over. Yes, there are times when you can be proud of the way you played, but if you talk to anyone on the Princeton team, including Coach Pete Carril, they'll tell you they should have won.

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They don't feel great because they took it to mighty Georgetown and made them sweat. They're not basking in the afterglow of "almost." They're back in New Jersey because they lost. The way people talked about Princeton was patronizing. They weren't "Cinderella." They qualified for the tourney by winning their conference title.

What they did to Georgetown is not new for a Princeton team. They have always played their first round opponents tough. They suffer from the typical lvy League syndrome: Oh yeah, its the eggheads again. They it make great statesman, but can they slam dunk? Yes, They can also go back door and put on a mean press.

That brings up another question. What is a "Cinderella" team? It would have to be a team with a losing record that can go into the NCAA tournament because they won their conference's post-season tourney. Missouri didn't win the

Big Eight regular season crown, but they copped the tourney title to get into the NCAA party. Is anyone calling them "Cinderella?" Of course not.

Anyway, the NCAA is entertaining, if you're a basketball fan. Remember when the NIT was the big event? Used to be if you went to the NCAA's you were considered an

Speaking of the NIT, I covered the game in Lincoln for KKAR last week. I have never heard noise as loud and confusion-causing as when Chris Dillard of Arkansas State stepped to the line for a potential game-tying one-and-one situation. I was in the press box when Carlton Fisk slammed his memorable 12th inning home run in game six of the 1975 World Series, and Fenway Park never rocked like that, before or since, but that was nothing compared to last Thursday night.

Of course Dillard missed the shot and that was the game. There's no doubt noise caused the miss and preserved the game for the home team, which blew a 17-point second half

The state did well in the post-season appearances, getting into the NCAA Division I, NIT, NAIA men's and women's tournaments.

Hopefully, local hoop fans will keep all of this in perspective. It's not easy to get where these teams got. One thing most people fail to recognize is in college, you get new players every couple of years, so just because you have a good season, doesn't guarantee a duplicate performance next

Hope you enjoy the college basketball post-season.

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